

Westport Soccer Association  
Meeting Minutes, December 8, 2008

The monthly meeting of the WSA was held on December 8, 2008 at Westport Town Hall room 201 commencing at 7:37pm. There were 16 people in attendance. (Alex Anvari, Mike Byrne, Robby Casey, Tracy Fincher, George Kindel, Mark Koenig, Megan Loffredo, Wes Malowitz, Bruce Mitnick, Jane Orlin, Val Rogers, Dan Woog and Janice Collins, Scott Benowitz, Elaine & John Marino)

**1. President's comments –Wes Malowitz**

- Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes, 11/6, was approved.
- Motion to donate money to WSA coach to help in time of need. There were not enough members at the meeting to vote so the motion to donate money to the individual was voted on via e-mail and passed on 12/12.
- Mention of Tony DiCicco presentation on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. All invited to attend.
- Discussion of light winter enrollment. K1-2 70% filled, 3-4 30% filled.

**2. Nominating Chair- Bruce Mitnick**

- At the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting there will be a special election for President (Wes Malowitz), VP (George Kindel), Treasurer (Mike Byrne) & Secretary (Tracy Fincher). Currently there are no other names for nominations. Discussion on procedure, discussion to keep open time for nominations to encourage others. The Special Events slot is open. There will be another election in June for board positions.

**3. Treasurer Report – Mike Byrne**

- Per Mike we are current on everything

**4. Travel Director Report – Val Rogers**

- See report for details, some details include success of girls teams!
- Travel survey was very positive overall, 46.8% participation, ½ people made comments
- Negative comments on website and tryout transparency
- Discussion and suggestions to publish the tryout matrix
- Discussion of continued improvement on playing time issue, communication, coach direction
- Discussion of HS tryouts , hoping to get two teams, discussion of ideas to maximize turn out
- Try to get in Parks & Rec Spring Program guide

**5. Referee Report – Robby Casey, Mark Koenig**

- Meeting on Saturday for yellow shirts
- Discussion of end of year clean up
- Discussion of WIN meeting dates and Health net and sponsor timing

**6. Rec Director Report - Alex Anvari**

- \$2300 photo day income
- 60 players turned out for Saturday pick up game. These will continue weather permitting
- Extensive and tremendous detailed presentation of Rec survey
- 1200 kids play, we had 246 responses, 95% satisfaction rate
- we learned many things about team practices, in town league play, overwhelming support of 9<sup>th</sup> grade boys, need to work on girls HS program
- positive view of fields, refs, and coaches
- Fun and Making friends, Teamwork, Skill development main goals of program. Discussion of clinics, town leagues, size of teams, separation of 3-4, importance of parity, healthy snacks, try and publish game schedules earlier, possibly use better survey tool next time.
- Will get copy of last years' survey